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Title: Regarding denial of visa by China to sportspersons from Arunachal Pradesh.

SHRI NINONG ERING (ARUNACHAL EAST): I want to highlight the problem about the numerous events when Arunachalee sportspersons have been denied visa by China. It is an act of discrimination against people of Arunachal Pradesh. This has happened to sportspersons of Arunachal Pradesh many times after Chinese aggression of 1962 and due to the territorial dispute between the two nations. China issues the stapled visa to Arunachalee. But India does not recognize stapled visa and therefore does not allow them to travel.

The issue has serious implication as recently, Bamang Tago has not been granted visa while his team left for China. Tago is the secretary of Arunachal State Badminton Association and nominated manager of Indian Badminton Team for Thaihot China Open 2016. Before this, many times sportspersons have been deprived of playing in China due to immigration issues. In 2011, five Karate team members; In January 2012, a team of Arunachal weightlifters; In October 2013, two Archers from Arunachal Pradesh could not participate in China. The problem is of serious concern as China is an emerging prominent place for international sports.